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Received Letters. Without Enclosures Madura Collectors' Office

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9/3		Secretary	Calling for certain accounts regarding the proposed reduction of inland duty to 2½ per cent on piece goods manufactured in the territory under this Government.
3/4		Do.	Conveying instructions in what manner investigations under Regulation 9 of 22 should be conducted with a view to a revision by the Board and Government in the case of an appeal being preferred under Section XIV.
9/6		Do.	Calling for his attention to their repeated orders on the subject of the reduction of the Dindigal assessment pointing out

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			the futility of temporary expedients and warning him against keeping them in ignorance of his proceedings and directing him to send an immediate reply to their letter of the 3rd July 1823.
13/.	"	Secretary –	Stating that under the explanation afforded by him, the Board are of opinion that the petitioner Rameyarkhan has not made good his claim to a certain house and ground at Madura
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To The Principal Collector in
Madura

Sir,

Para 1st. The great change which has taken place of late years under this Presidency in the consumption of English, in lieu of Indian cloth, since the trade was opened to individual speculation at home, bears particularly hard on the interests of the Native Manufacturers, and renders it highly desirable that relief should be afforded to them. The duty on English cloth imported is only 2½ ₱ Cent, and the Bengal Government, apparently with the view of equalizing the duty on Indian and English manufactures, have fixed their transit inland duty on piece goods at 2½ ₱ Cent. The Board therefore wish to ascertain what

reduction

reduction of revenue may be effected from a similar reduction of duty here, and accordingly desire that you will prepare a statement, shewing the actual duty paid on piece goods in your district for the last ten years, and that you will, in transmitting it, state your sentiments as to the effect of the proposed reduction of duty upon the custom revenues - If the customs are rented in your district, you will also state, whether in the event of this reduction, it may not be proper for some time at least to keep the Customs under aumanie, and whether the existing engagements in your district offer any obstacles thereto.-

2 It would be satisfactory to the Board also to receive from you a Statement, in the following form, of the revenue from Customs for fusly 1228, shewing what articles chiefly contribute to the Customs in your District.-

Articles

Articles	amount of duty paid thereon in Fusly 1228.– Rupees
Piece goods	45,000
Betel nut	8,000
Sugar	5,000
Here enter each article paying more than 500 Rupees to the Customs, placing first those that paid most.–	
Sundries under 500 Rupees	7,000
Total Customs for Fusly 1228.	

3 Your reply to this letter is desired on or before the 1st June next.–

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant

Fort St. George
9th March 1820

Desp 23d – Do.

[signature]
Secretary

[signature]

To the Principal Collector in
Dindigul and Madura

Sir,

Para 1. The Board of Revenue having had occasion to remark that the Proceedings of some Collectors under Regulation IX of 1822, are frequently conducted in a very loose and irregular manner, I am directed to state, for general information, that Collectors acting under that law must consider themselves as exercising judicial functions, and that it is deemed of much importance that the investigations which they are authorized to make under this highly penal Regulation, although intended to be summary should be conducted and recorded in the regular form of a judicial inquiry, with a view

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to revision by the Board and the Govern-ment, in the event of an appeal being preferred, under the provisions contained in section XIV.

3. The charges and the plea of the accused should first be distinctly recorded in writing, and the evidence also should be fully recorded. The witnesses should invariably, in every case, be examined in the presence of the accused, including both those in support of the charges, and those for his defence, and he should be allowed to cross examine them. All documents produced in evidence should be sub-mitted to the inspection of the accused, and his remarks thereon should be recorded. Finally, the Collector, in passing his judg-ment on the case, should briefly sum up the evidence on the several charges,

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and record a distinct sentence of acquittal or conviction on each, with a concise statement of the grounds on which it is founded.

3. When a petition of appeal is presented to a Collector under Section XIV it should be forthwith reported to the Board, and the proceedings, with the requisite translations &ca, must be forwarded as early as practicable. The Board will expect generally to receive the proceedings &ca in appeal cases within one month from the date of the appeal; and whenever, from the length of the proceedings, or other cause, it may be impossible to transmit them so early, the circumstance should be stated in the first report of such appeal having been preferred.

4. In cases in which appeals are presented, the Board desire that the provisions of clause 6 Section XV may be strictly attended to; and I am instructed to desire generally, that the summary judgments

judgments passed under this Regulation may not be hastily enforced, particularly by the sale of property. If it is secured in the first instance, it can be sold at any period most convenient to all parties.

5. The Board further direct me to observe that it is advisable that the powers vested in the Collectors by Sections VII. VIII. IX and XII of the Regulation in question should be exercised with lenity and forbearance, particularly in cases in which superior native servants are concerned; and that, whenever it may be found necessary to proceed under Section IX, to search a private house for papers &ca. care should be taken to mention in the warrant the manner in which it is to be executed as it is laid down in that Section. Collectors will bear in mind that any omission to take the attested lists specified therein

therein may invalidate their proceedings, and involve them in much responsibility.

6 In conclusion, it is thought proper to observe that, although Collectors are authorized by section VI of this Regulation, in cases "where money actually delivered in charge to a public servant has been embezzled or is not forthcoming when called for, and the amount embezzled has been clearly ascertained by reference to the public accounts of the Cutcherry," to proceed to recover the amount in the same manner as for the recovery of arrears of revenue, it is not competent to them to impose a fine as a penalty for the crime of embezzlement, without evidence taken in a regular judicial manner as before stated.

Fort St. George
13th April 1826
Desp.d 20. D.o

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obedient Servant

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Secretary

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At Revenue Department

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To the Principal Collector in
Madura

Sir,

Para 1st I am directed by the Board of Revenue to acknowledge the receipt of your letter under date the 12th Ultimo forwarding with reference to the Boards proceedings of the 31st October last, copy of a letter from your Head Assistant, dated in the month of November 1825

2 On the subject of the reduction of the Dindigul assessment the Board in their proceedings of the 2d July 1822 addressed you at great length – They again adverted to this subject in their proceedings of the 31st October 1825 & repeated their call for information on this point on the 13th April last

lasts but to none of these communications — have they received any reply whatever from you —

3. The communication you have now made of the letter from your Head assistant obliges the Board to repeat once again their orders that you will no longer delay explaining to them the proceedings held and intended to be pursued on this important subject. —

4. The Board in their proceedings of the 3 July 1793 after explaining the grounds of their opinion that Mr. Hardis assessment though high was not unequal, suggested a uniform reduction of his terms, but called upon you to state whether it should extend to only those above a certain and what rate, to what extent or per centage of these it should extend and whether it should be applied to the wet as well as to the dry lands. —

In lieu of replying to these

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points, the Board gather from your report for fusly 1234, and from the communications of your Head assistant then and since forwarded, that you have been making reductions in particular villages only and at no uniform or fixed rates, nay the letters from your Head assistant show that these descretionary or "Moomasib" remissions as he terms them, are not settled until the Jummabundy is made - that the full original assessment is therefore levied from the people by the village officers and that the remissions are subsequently repaid after their amount is ascertained at the Jummabundy - In his former letter he says "at present the survey or Coloor rates are the standard by which accounts are kept and kists levied" and he adds that the remissions from it, even the coloor Maiuf of Mr. Hurdes as well as your own Moomasib remissions are not

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subtracted until the Jummabundy." In his present letter he states that "as the [illegible] rates form the standard demands of the Cutcherry, the Curnum in order to square his collections with these has to exact more than the lawful amount in places where abatements have been authorized and the Ryot is not re-assured although the surplus be afterwards directed to be returned to him at the Jummabundy for he considers the repayment to be uncertain." —

6 It must be a source of dissatisfaction to the people, tending to depress all agricultural exertion and improvement that until the Jummabundy they know not the amount of the demand upon them and as much of the detail of a Ryotwar settlement must be left to the native revenue officers, a wide field for abuse partiality and corruption is opened, by the

the remissions being granted on particular villages only and there not on every field but on those only of a particular description nor even upon these at uniform rates. It was these considerations which induced the Board so repeatedly but they regret to add so much in vain, to urge you to place the remissions on some uniform well known and defined basis in order that the ryots may know the remissions to which they are entitled as well as the public servants what they are bound to grant. But the Board now gather from the communications of your Head Assistant that a plan of settlement defective in principle and in system, and most open to abuse, is combined with a mode of collection under which it would be difficult for the most vigilant superintendence to

present

prevent organized abuse and frauds by the native revenue officers. Even the remissions to be made seem first unnecessarily and vexatiously realized from the people, where abatements have been authorized the ryots are notwithstanding obliged first to pay the same; the full original rates are stated in the first instance to be collected, and when the remissions are made at the jummabundy the surplus collections are directed to be repaid.

7 That this is the statement given by your Head Assistant has been shewn; your own silence to the repeated calls of the Board, and the want of any remark from you in forwarding his letters forces the Board to admit this as the information before them, they would otherwise incline to doubt the

the existence in any district of such highly objectionable arrangements.

8. It remains only for the Board to warn you of the consequences likely to result from your continuing to take upon yourself the great responsibility of keeping them in ignorance of your past proceedings and future plan and to express finally their desire to receive from you a concise and clear report, in reply to their proceedings of the 3d July 1823, on the reduction of the assessment in Dindigul.

Fort St. George
19th June 1825
Despd. 23d "

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Most Obedient Servant

Anm
Secretary

Revenue Department

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To the Principal Collector of
Madura

Sir,

Para 1. I am directed by the Board of Revenue to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 18th ultimo reporting upon a Petition from one Rameyar Khan claiming a certain House and ground at Madura.

2. Under the explanation offered by you the Board are of opinion that the Petitioner has not made good his claim to the House and grounds in question, and accordingly authorize you when the Petitioner presents himself at your Cutcherry to give him an endorsement to this effect, should he have no further

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proof to offer to you.

Fort St. George
13th July 1826
Desp. 15th Do.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obedient Servant

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Secretary

Revenue Department

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To the Principal Collector of

Madura

Sir,

Para 1st. I am directed by the Board of Revenue to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 7th ultimo recommending the continuance of a yeomiah No. 74 for the maintenance of the family of the original yeomiahdar & the support of a mosque under their superintendence —

2d. It appears that this yeomiah was originally 2 Cally fanams a day, & was reduced to 1 fanam, on the death of the original incumbent, when it was continued to his widow as a charitable allowance for subsistence. The widow being dead the full allowance of 2 fanams is claimed by her daughter, on the ground that the yeomiah was

granted

granted for the support of the charges of a mosque in the Fort of Madura.

3. You state that, in the Enayet-namah by which the yeomiah was granted, it is "distinctly specified, that the allowance was granted for defraying the charges of the mosque." A translation of this Enayetnamah, transmitted by you is before the Board, but they do not find in it any expressions capable of such a construction, it is desirable therefore to compare it with the original, which you will be pleased to transmit for this purpose.

4. You also state that you issued directions to the Tahsildar of Mondoolum to make an inquiry and ascertain where the mosque in question is situated & you have forwarded his urzee for the information of the Board

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on this point. The Tahsildar reports that he examined 4 persons who stated that the mosque is situated on the tooky madrissa, but he does not confirm their statements of his own knowledge nor is it confirmed by you. If the mosque is situated as described the fact must be known to you & ought to have been stated. If such a mosque does exist it is most of importance to ascertain whether it is maintained in a state of repair, & is in fact used for religious purposes & whether the charges alluded to by the persons who claim the reversion of the yeomiah.—

8. You will be pleased to afford further information on these points you will also explain how the charges in question, if they are to be borne by the party in possession

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possession of this yeomiah, were destroyed in the period between 1811 & 1817, during which time it appears her yeomiah was discontinued—

Fort St. George
7th August 1826
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I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient Servt.

[signature]
Secretary

Compd. W.G.

Revenue Department.

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To the Principal Collector in

Madura and Dindegul.

Sir,

I am directed by the Board of Revenue to acknowledge the receipt of your letter under date the 8th August, report-ing on the balances in your District for Fusly 1235 outstanding at the end of the fusly and agreeably to your recommendation to authorize the sequestration of the Udearetah Zemindary, the balance against it being Rupees 4,512. 8. 7. you will submit an ex-planation of <u>the manner in which you propose to manage this Zemindary</u> and if it cannot be placed under any of your present Amildars, a list of the establishment is required, for the Board's Sanction—

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2 The Board desire that you will state what portion of the balance of Rupees 21,618 for land revenue in Madura and Dindigul has been realized up to the date of the receipt of this letter.

3. The Board disapprove of the great indulgence being granted to the Ayan renters, from whom a balance of Rupees 27,449.13 is due, you will lose no time in realizing this sum.

4 You will also report the present amount of the remaining balances, and what steps have been taken for their recovery.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Most Obedient Servant

[signature]
Secretary.

Fort St. George
20th November 1826

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